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AND ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 268 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 268 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/718,640

Examiner

NATALIE K. WALFORD

Applicant(s)

SHIGEMURA ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 8/11/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,11,13-16,18-23,26-30,34,35,37 and 38.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 11, 2010 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on August 11, 2010, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner. Cancellation of claims 1-9, 12, 17, 24-25, 31-33, 36, and 39-41, and 49-56 has been entered. Claims 10-11, 13-16, and 18-23, 26-30, 34-35, and 37-38 are pending in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-11, 13-16, and 18-23, 26-30, 34-35, and 37-38 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 10, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 10, specifically for the limitation of wherein at least two organic EL devices are manufactured in a single process, and the evaporation mask comprises at least two mask units, through each of which the organic film of a single organic EL device can be deposited, and a plurality of second dummy apertures outside and adjacent to

outermost ones of the mask units in the direction in which tension is applied to the evaporation mask in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 11 and 13-14, claims 11 and 13-14 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 10 because of their dependency status from claim 10.

Regarding claim 15, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 15, specifically for the limitation of wherein at least two organic EL devices are manufactured in a single process, and the evaporation mask comprises at least two mask units, through each of which the second electrodes of a single organic EL device can be deposited, and a plurality of second dummy apertures outside and adjacent to the outermost mask units in the direction in which tension is applied to the evaporation mask in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 16 and 18-19, claims 16 and 18-19 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 15 because of their dependency status from claim 15.

Regarding claim 20, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 20, specifically for the limitation of wherein at least two organic EL devices are manufactured in a single process, the second electrodes are formed using an evaporation mask drawn taut by application of tension and having at least two mask units, through which the second electrodes of the organic EL devices can be deposited, and the evaporation mask comprises a plurality of second dummy apertures outside and adjacent to outermost mask units in the direction in which tension is applied to the evaporation mask in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 21-22, claims 21-22 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 20 because of their dependency status from claim 20.

Regarding claim 23, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 23, specifically for the limitation of t least two mask units each comprising a plurality of main apertures and a plurality of second dummy apertures formed outside and adjacent to outermost ones of the mask units in a direction in which tension is applied to the evaporation mask; forming the organic film comprising an effective luminescent area to cover at least the first electrodes by evaporating an organic material containing an organic luminescent material through the main apertures of each of the mask units; forming second electrodes on the organic film so that the effective luminescent area is formed at an area where the first and second electrodes overlap in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 26-30, claims 26-30 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 23 because of their dependency status from claim 23.

Regarding claim 34, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 34, specifically for the limitation of wherein at least two organic EL devices are manufactured in a single process, and the evaporation mask comprises at least two mask units, through each of which the second electrodes of a single organic EL device can be deposited, and a plurality of second dummy apertures outside and adjacent to outermost ones of the mask units in the direction in which tension is applied to the evaporation mask in combination with other claimed features of the present claimed invention.

Regarding claims 35 and 37-38, claims 35 and 37-38 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 34 because of their dependency status from claim 34.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Abiko (US PUB 2003/0201711) is cited to show a mask for vacuum deposition and organic EL display manufactured by using the same.

Chung et al. (US PUB 2005/0264177) is cited to show a display device and method of manufacturing the display device.

Fujimori et al. (US PUB 2002/0102754) is cited to show an integrated mask and method and apparatus for manufacturing organic EL device using the same.

Kang (US 6,858,086) is cited to show a tension mask assembly for use in vacuum deposition of thin film of organic electroluminescent device.

Kitazume (US 6,893,709) is cited to show a metal mask structure and method for manufacturing thereof.

Shigemura (US 7,537,798) is cited to show a deposition mask frame assembly.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Natalie K. Walford whose telephone number is (571)-272-6012. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571)-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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